



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Ms. Karen Savage
The Life Support Project
15 Wakullah Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

RE: Request Number: EPA-R6-2015-000615

Dear Ms. Savage:

This is in response to your request for a fee waiver in connection with your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 seeking all correspondence between EPA and Chemrisk and its employees regarding any and all human health effects after the explosion of BP's Deepwater Horizon well.

We have reviewed your request and based on the information provided in your letter, we are denying your request for a fee waiver. You have failed to demonstrate that the release of the information requested significantly increase to the public understanding of government operations or activities. As a result of you failing to meet the above criteria, accordingly, there is no need to address the remaining prongs of the fee waiver criteria. If the estimated costs exceed \$25.00, Region 6 will contact you regarding the cost of processing your request and seek an assurance of payment. They will be unable to process your request until they receive your assurance of payment.

Under the FOIA, you have the right to appeal this fee waiver denial determination to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service only), or E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the request number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Should you choose to appeal this determination, please be sure to fully address all factors required by EPA's FOIA Regulations, located at 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l) in your appeal. If you have any questions concerning this determination please contact me at (202) 566-1667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. Gottesman', written over a horizontal line.

Larry F. Gottesman
National FOIA Officer